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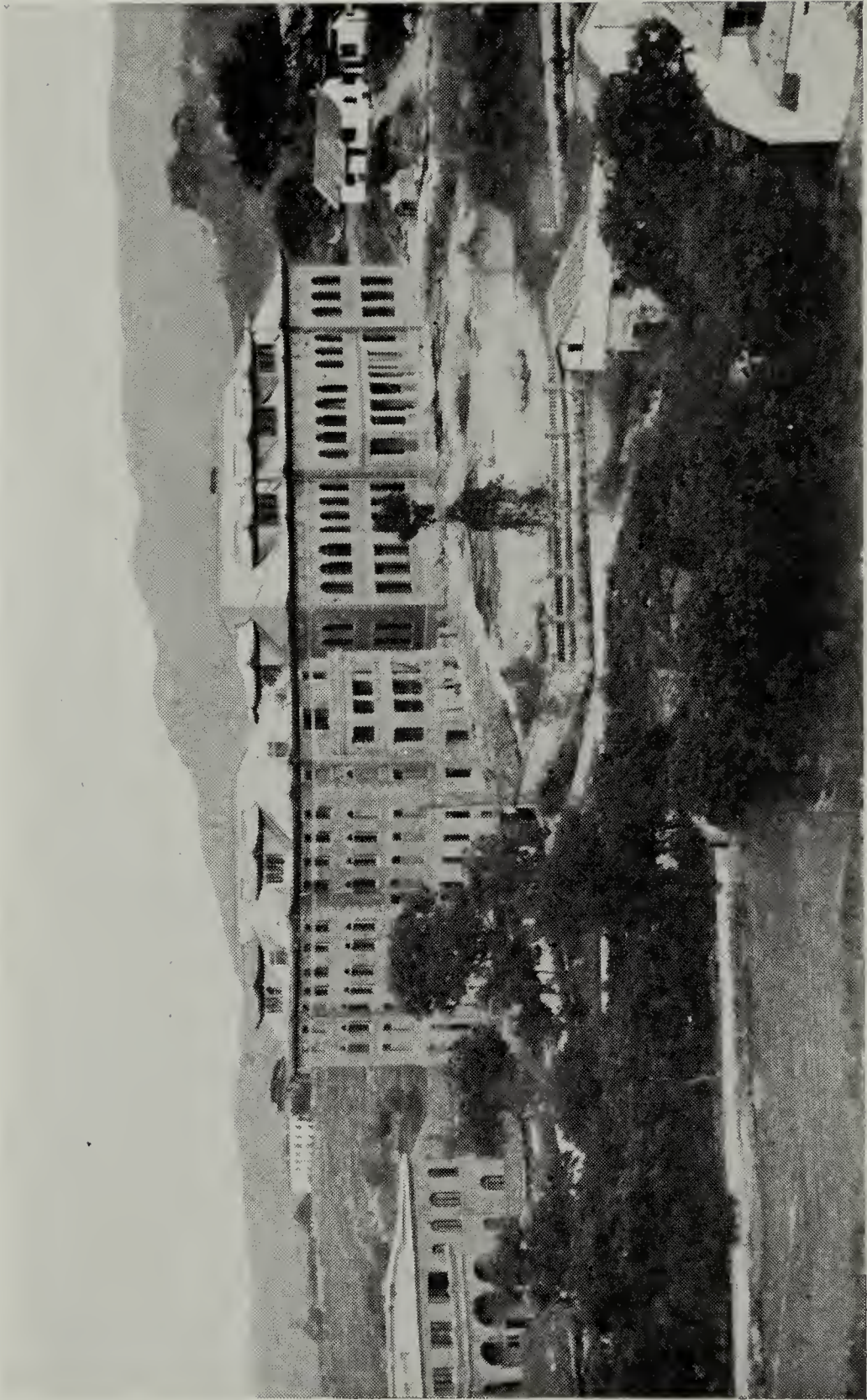




LORD, hear my prayer! No one has turned an eye on the oppression that we poor women suffer . . . . O Lord, enquire into our case. For ages dark ignorance has brooded over our minds and spirits. Like a cloud it rises and wraps us around. We are like prisoners . . . choked and buried in the dust of custom, and we have no strength to get out. All-knowing God, hear our prayer, forgive our sins and give us power to escape that we may see something of Thy world. Create in the hearts of men some compassion that our lives may no longer be passed in vain longing, that saved by Thy mercy, we may taste something of the joys of life.

*Prayer of a Hindu girl in a Mission School.*





THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF SOUTH CHINA, FOOCHEW

## FOREWORD

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**A**CROSS the ocean and half way round the world comes a request lying now on my table: "Can you find us a young woman with college degree to take charge of our High School?"

Imagine an American School Board sending such a communication to a foreign land! Imagine women's organizations in America dependent upon foreign women for officers!

Qualified leadership among American women is so much a matter of course that with difficulty we visualize two-thirds of the women of the world unprepared for the responsibilities a democracy-loving age is bringing.

Answering such imperative calls for national leadership, a few Christian colleges for women rise like oases in these unprivileged lands. They are proving that women of the Orient are not only moral and spiritual but also intellectual equals of their American sisters and capable of outstanding leadership.

From Isabella Thoburn College, came Lilavati Singh, whose fine face adorns our cover, to win the highest place open to any woman student—officer of the World's Student Federation. Yet only one-half of one per cent of her 170,000,000 Indian sisters can read.

"Noblesse oblige" was the call to the women of Methodist colleges in 1915, as their opportunities for higher

education were contrasted with those of their sisters overseas. In April of that year, three fundamental principles were adopted at DePauw University:

I. That a college in the Orient be taken as a Sister College in a really sisterly way.

II. That the plan be presented to *every* girl in the University.

III. That contributions be asked on the "share-your-spending-money" plan.

From thirty-four Methodist Colleges gifts of money and prayer now go with friendly letters to sisters over the sea and with keen watchers of world affairs we are finding the Sister College Movement "one of the important factors in promoting international friendship."

MARY CARR CURTIS.





# SISTER COLLEGES

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## ISABELLA THOBURN COLLEGE, LAL BAGH, LUCKNOW, INDIA

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN IN ASIA

RUTH E. ROBINSON, B.A., Goucher College, *Principal*

Graduates of Goucher, Syracuse, Ohio Wesleyan, Northwestern and University of Southern California are on the teaching staff.

1870—Opened as a one-room school.

1882—Advanced to High School Grade.

1886—Admitted to College Standing.

“An experiment in Christian democracy” is this, the first of 1,400 schools started by the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. “Due to Miss Thoburn’s wonderful personality, it was able from the first to leap past racial and social preju-



ISABELLA THOBURN COLLEGE, LUCKNOW, INDIA  
The First College for Women in Asia

dices and draw into the Lal Bagh family all elements of Indian life—Indian, Anglo-Indian, English and American—a unique achievement and rare, even to-day.”

In India where only one out of three hundred thousand girls has college opportunities, a woman with a college degree has unparalleled influence. She is almost deified.

Graduates of Isabella Thoburn College, settled far and wide in that great empire, are to-day filling places of influence and responsibility. As teachers, school supervisors, doctors, nurses and home makers, they are overcoming prejudice and laying a true foundation for the uplift of their nation.



BASKET BALL AT ISABELLA THOBURN COLLEGE

The motto “We receive to give,” is exemplified in the college life by Sunday school work and the afternoon school, with its free dispensary, and in the missionary work of the Y. W. C. A. Practical help is given in the Anti-Tuberculosis League and other lines of social service.

The Girls’ Messenger Service, forerunner of the Camp Fire Girls, was started by Miss Flora Robinson among the preparatory students and has spread throughout India.

There is a devoted Alumnae Association which has its endowment fund, annual breakfasts and “Round Robin.”

The quarterly *Lal Bagh Chronicle* is a welcome messenger in many homes.



The friends of Lal Bagh plan to celebrate its fiftieth birthday by the gift of worthy buildings for the new campus, Lilavati Bagh. American Sister Colleges are providing class rooms and laboratories.

Sister Colleges: Goucher, Allegheny, Northwestern, Lawrence, Upper Iowa, Oklahoma Methodist, Nebraska Wesleyan, Puget Sound.

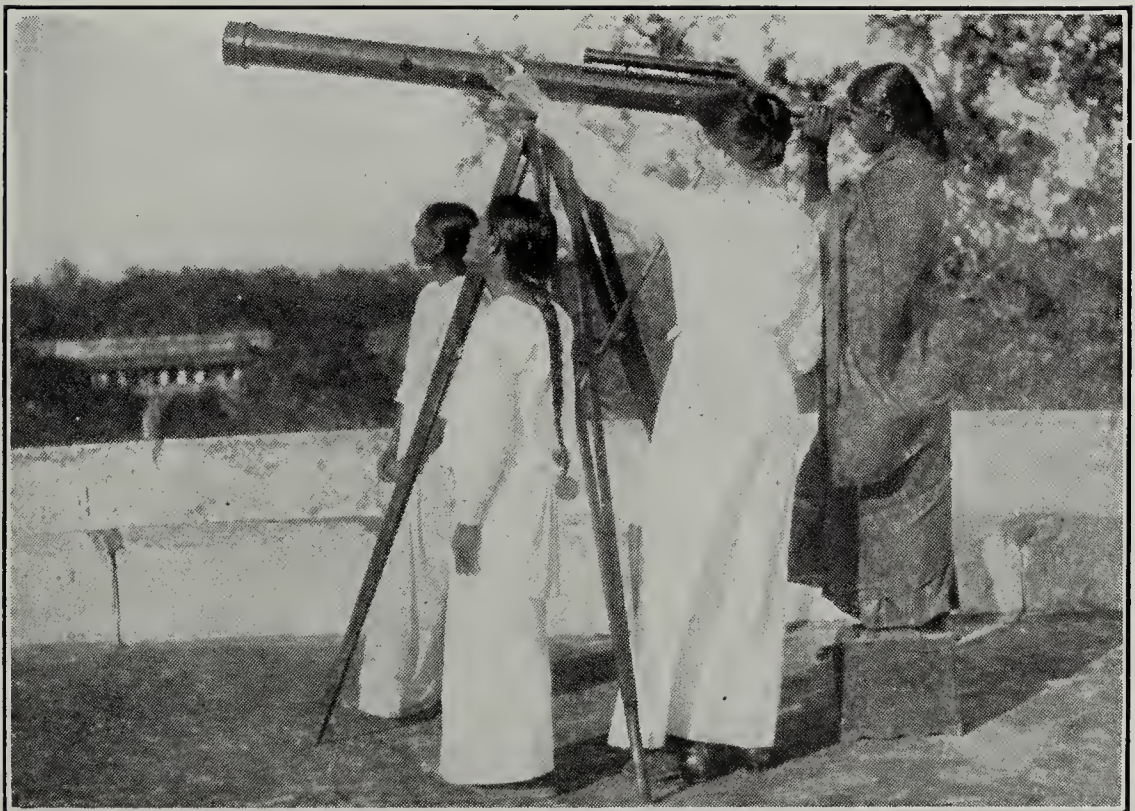
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## WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, MADRAS, INDIA

MISS ELEANOR McDOUGALL, M.A., London University,  
*Principal.*

Mt. Holyoke, Wellesley, Vassar, Western College, Chicago University and English Universities are represented on the teaching staff.

Founded and supported by twelve Mission Boards, four in England, two in Scotland, one in Canada and five in the United States.



“ WHEN I CONSIDER THY HEAVENS ”

Opened July, 1915, to serve 70,000,000 women in and about the Madras Presidency where fifteen Mission Schools are doing preparatory work. First freshmen class forty-one. Present enrollment seventy-eight.

“On the banks of the Cooum River, ten acres of state-ly tropical trees and velvety lawn, brilliant with scarlet flame of the forest, purple bougainvillea, golden portia and acacia. A beautiful and uncrowded place, conducive to plain living and high thinking.”

Courses in English, language and literature, classical and modern languages, and Indian vernaculars are given. Mathematics, physics and chemistry constituting one group; botany, zoology, physics and chemistry a second, and logic, ancient history and modern history a third, are most popular.

Debating and literary societies, musical and dramatic clubs, gardening, games and excursion committees are flourishing. The Y. W. C. A. is thoroughly organized and a nearby Sunday school is conducted by the Tamil students.

The college seal is the lamp of ancient India, and the motto is “Lighted to Lighten.” The India sunflower with its gold, brown and green gives the college its colors and the magazine its name.

Miss Mabel Dibell, head of the Science Department, is Methodist representative on the staff. Of vital importance to the future of South India are her courses preparing its women for the study of medicine.

Sister Colleges: Dickinson, Beaver, DePauw and Illinois Woman’s College.

# WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF SOUTH CHINA, FOOCHOW, CHINA

MISS LYDIA A. TRIMBLE, M.A., Cornell College, *President*

Toronto University, Goucher, DePauw, Cornell College, and University of Michigan are represented on the faculty.

1850—Founded as day school with six pupils.

1859—Boarding school opened.

1908—College Preparatory.

1914—New buildings. First college class enters.

"You may well be proud of your site," says Bishop Lewis, declaring our location with mountains to east of us, mountains to west of us, river beneath us, the choicest he has seen in China. And "You may well be proud of your buildings," says Mr. Fletcher Brockman of the Y. M. C. A. in Shanghai, "for they are the finest gems of mission architecture I have seen in China."

"But," writes a faculty member, "we may well be proud of our students. They are coming to us in increasing numbers, in heightened quality and from a wider constituency. There is no sacrifice an ambitious young girl will not endure to make her way hither. And we believe there is no sacrifice the graduates will not make to nourish their foster mother and equip her for larger ministry to the coming generations. Only to-day two of this year's graduates sent checks, each one of them for half their first month's salary as teachers; they coveted the privilege of making the school a present out of the first money they earned."

College life in Foochow! Chinese classics and essays mark the difference between curriculums there and here. Physical education is a new and important department. The Dramatic Club stages original and clever plays and pageants. Under the lead of a normal class teacher they conduct and help in Sunday schools for 800 children.



Reports of Y. W. C. A. meetings sound familiar. A recent rally for "Eight Weeks Clubs" was a movie reproducing scenes in their own villages, vacation Bible classes, playground work, classes for housework, sanitation and methods of overcoming superstition concerning evil spirits.

Money for buildings and equipment, teachers of history, English and science are needed.

Sister Colleges: Baldwin-Wallace, Mt. Union, West Virginia Wesleyan, Cornell College, Morningside, Southwestern.

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## NORTH CHINA UNION WOMAN'S COLLEGE, PEKING, CHINA

MISS LUELLA MINER, *Principal*

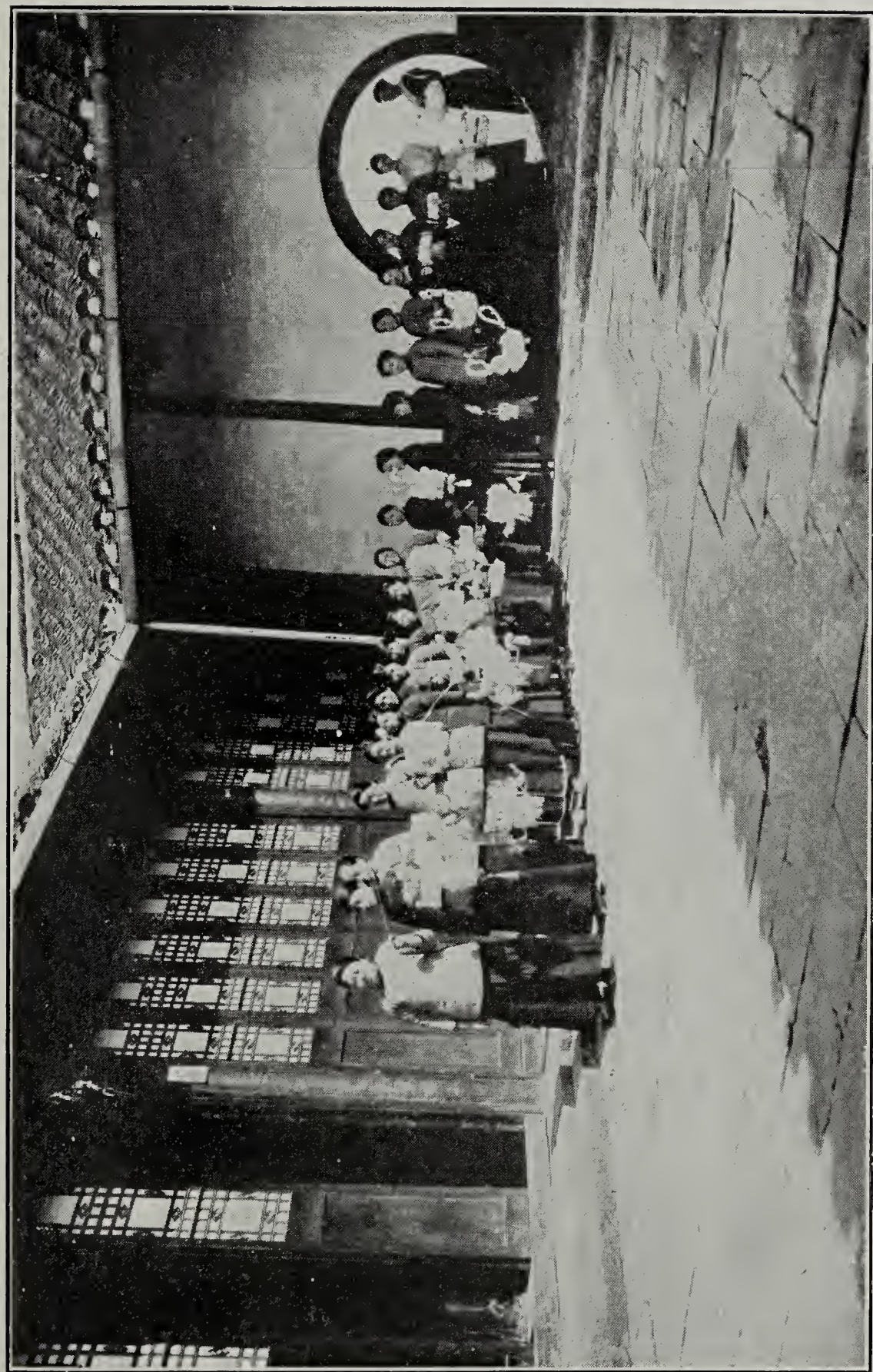
1864—Founded as a school for small girls.

1904—The institution, formerly supported by Congregational women alone and known as Bridgeman Academy, merged into Union Woman's College, supported by Methodists, Presbyterians and London Missionary Society of Great Britain.

At present, Peking Union College is the only institution of its kind, of strictly college rank in North China. With no prospect of another woman's college north of the Yangtse, this institution needs adequate development.

Eleven students have graduated thus far from the regular college course of four years and seventeen from the two year special courses including normal, kindergarten and a scientific course preparatory to medicine.

Plans are being made looking to the establishment of one university known as Peking University to include colleges and medical schools of all denominations in Peking. Miss Ruth Stahl, Mus. B., Mt. Union College, in charge of the Music Department, represents the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.



FUTURE LEADERS OF CHINA IN GINLING'S COURTYARD



# GINLING COLLEGE, NANKING, CHINA

## COLLEGE OF GOLDEN ASPIRATION

MRS. LAWRENCE THURSTON, B.S., Mt. Holyoke, *President*

Smith, Mt. Holyoke, Goucher, Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, University of Michigan, University of Illinois and University of Chicago represented on the teaching staff.

Founded, 1915, by the women of five American denominations, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Methodist North and South. A chair is maintained by Smith College.

There are thirty-five girls from the student body of three classes, the first of which will be graduated in 1919, proud of being "Ginling's eldest daughter."

Courses are offered in art, science, economics and sociology, education, literature, history, mathematics, philosophy and religion—the equivalent of work offered in our American colleges.

Extra curriculum activities show the happy spirit of student life and demonstrate that Ginling students are "strong girls, with a purpose." The Student Government Council, Athletic Association, Glee Club, Current Events Club have each a place in the life of the school. Every girl belongs to the Young Woman's Christian Association and representatives are sent to the summer conferences.

A neighborhood Sunday school was opened during the first year, and connected with it is a little day school of which the students take entire charge, teaching every afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Goucher, at the head of the Sociology Department, and Dr. Cora D. Reeves, in charge of Biology, are Methodist representatives, both happy in "the radiant task of planning and working for the Ginling that is and is to be."

A permanent site has been purchased near the University of Nanking and the famous Drum Tower with outlook on Purple Mountain—ever changing and ever beautiful—in the distance. Buildings will rise in the



near future. Of the ten thousand dollar Methodist share, only one-tenth has been given.

Sister Colleges: Chattanooga, Albion, Baker, College of the Pacific, Illinois Wesleyan, Hamline, Hedding, Montana Wesleyan, University of Southern California, and Willamette University.

*Univ. of Chicago, Franklin, Kalamazoo.*

## THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF CHOSEN, SEOUL, KOREA

MISS LULU FREY, M.A., Ohio Wesleyan, *Principal*

ALICE R. APPENZELLER, B.A., Wellesley, *Vice-Principal*

Founded and supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Opened in 1910 with two years of college work and a college preparatory department—the first college for women in Korea. In 1917 there were fifty enrolled.

The faculty includes graduates of Wellesley, Smith, Ohio Wesleyan and McKendree.

Within the walled city of Seoul, the oldest school for girls in Korea, known as Ewha Haktang, has been growing for more than thirty years. And now since its twenty-fifth birthday, it has been seeking to meet the increasing demand for college training for women. A new plot of ground has been secured and new buildings must soon be planned. Dr. William Elliot Griffis has recently shown his interest in the school by adding to its library.

The literary society, the missionary society, King's Daughters organization and the May-day festival show that Korean girls can enter as heartily into college activities as any of their sisters in America.

Dr. Esther Kim Pak, Korea's first woman physician, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Baltimore, was an early student at Ewha.

The school is old but the college is new and has many needs. Miss Frey, who organized the work, writes: "Gifts large and small, which will help in equipping our Music, Physical Culture, Industrial and Domestic Science Departments, will be most gratefully received."

Sister Colleges: McKendree and Kansas Wesleyan.



FIRST WOMEN COLLEGE GRADUATES IN KOREA  
Class of 1914, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society School  
Ewha Haktang, Seoul



# KWASSUI JO GAKKO, NAGASAKI, JAPAN

## FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER

MARIANA YOUNG, M.A., Ohio Wesleyan, *Principal*

The faculty includes graduates of Ohio Wesleyan, DePauw, Lawrence, Columbia, Boston University and Harvard.

*Kwassui Jo Gakko* was one of the first schools in Japan to insist on the higher education of women. The first college class was graduated in 1889.

Of the fifty-nine graduates one is a physician in Tokyo; three are music teachers; one is head of a Kindergarten Normal Training Department of "Kwassui," having taken the degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University; two Koreans are now teaching in Seoul; one Russian has taught in Vladivostok; one Chinese in China. Nine have been graduated from American Colleges. The influence of these young women who have proven the value of higher education for women cannot be measured.

Music has a prominent place at "Kwassui." Some of the best musicians in Japan began their work here. The kindergarten established to help mothers who work as day laborers, is a notable example of social service. Nineteen Sunday schools conducted by the teachers and pupils give opportunity for passing on to others the life abundant made possible to the daughters of this school of the "Fountain of Living Water."

Nagasaki is one of the chief port cities of Japan with a population of 176,000. World travelers of note are frequent visitors. The school is beautifully located on a hill overlooking a famous harbor.

Sister College: Ohio Wesleyan University.





FUGI TAKAMORI SAN, DIRECTOR OF KINDERGARTEN  
DEPARTMENT, KWASSUI

# WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF JAPAN

INAZO NITOE, M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., *President*

Founded and supported by six missionary societies of Canada and the United States in co-operation with Christians in Japan. Opened April 30, 1918, with an entering class of eighty-four.

Literary courses are offered in Japanese and English to which will soon be added departments in science, domestic science, religious education, and social service.

The trustees have been fortunate in securing as President, a Japanese scholar, author, and educator of international reputation and as Dean Miss Tetsu Yasui, a woman of proved ability known probably more widely in England and the Orient than in America—one chosen by the Japanese government at the request of the Siamese to establish a school for peeresses in Siam some years ago.

The temporary location of this new college is in a beautiful suburb of Tokyo not far from the Imperial Gardens.

The opening ceremony was most auspicious. The Minister of Education sent congratulations, Governor Inouye attended in person, made a most interesting address and presented to the college fifty trees and some books. The American Minister, Dr. Macdonald of Canada, Baron Shibusawa and Bishop Harris had a part in the program. Tokyo is ready and waiting for a college for women. That it has come as a *Christian* College will mean much to Japan.

Sister Colleges: Dakota Wesleyan and Denver University.



# MEDICAL COLLEGES

## INDIA

“The greatest battlefield in the world today with the greatest suffering and loss of life is among the tens of millions of child-mothers in India.”

There is strong conviction both in missionary and British Government circles that adequate medical relief for the women of India, secluded by custom, must come through training Indian women to take up the medical profession.

At Ludiana in the north of India, the Woman's Christian Medical College was founded in 1894 by Dr. Edith Brown, an English Baptist. It is controlled by a general committee representing ten Mission Boards and the Indian civil and medical service. Government recognition is given, also an annual grant-in-aid. Over one hundred students, speaking fourteen different languages, are under instruction. English is used in teaching.

Plans for a new Medical College for women in Vellore, South India, form another illustration of denominational unity.

An administrative board consisting of the leading medical missionaries of South India has been formed. The British Government has given twenty acres of land and Dr. Ida Scudder, of the sixth generation of the famous Scudder family which has given nearly a thousand years' service to India, has laid foundations for this work at Vellore.

The Science Department of Madras Woman's College, three hours distant by rail, offers pre-medical courses.

## CHINA

“The Orient must supply the leaders, but the Occident the training for leadership which the Orient cannot at present give.”

Through the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, plans are made to maintain three medical colleges for women in China, which shall be of high



grade, well equipped and so located as to meet the needs of the whole country. Two, already in existence, must be enlarged and equipped and one will be started in Central China.

The Hackett Medical College for Women is located in the south at Canton. Teaching is done in the Cantonese dialect. Its graduates practice without re-examination in the province.

The Union Medical College for Women, Peking, has at present fifty-eight students, coming from nine provinces and from Manchuria. The medium of instruction is Mandarin. Dr. Anna Gloss, whose very heart is built into this institution, has been for more than twenty-five years a Methodist missionary in Peking.

Each of these schools must have ten doctors on the staff giving full time and five giving part time.



THE FIRST COMMENCEMENT  
Union Medical College for Women, Peking

## A CHAIR IN A WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE!

“To help create a medical science for so great a country as China, to train a body of young women who shall be able to bring the Gospel of healing into the homes of suffering in China, to send out into the country hundreds of village doctors who will reduce the appalling death rate among infants, create sentiment for proper sanitation and become leaders in reform movements—was ever a bigger task, looking at it both from the divine and the human view points, offered to brilliant young doctors!”

## ANNOUNCEMENT

For Isabella Thoburn College; Woman's Christian College, Madras; Ginling College, and the Woman's Christian College, Tokyo, illustrated booklets are on sale.

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